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VIOLETTE ASSOCIATION
32 Louise Ave.
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1984 VIOLETTE ASSOCIATION REUNION

We are very excited about the 1984 Reunion - How about you?? Sorry you have had to wait so long for this Newsletter, but we have been working very hard to give you more information and as soon as possible.

The facilities of the Ramada Inn in East Windsor, CT, have been booked exclusively for the 1984 Violette Reunion for the weekend of August 4, 1984. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

We are trying our best to make the 1984 Reunion a success, but we do need help and only you can do it. We do have some Chairpersons but we do need more. We need Chairpeople for Publicity, Entertainment, Recreation, Awards and Registration. All of the volunteers' jobs would be completed by the Reunion, except the Registration Committee, and I'm sure many of us would join in helping that day. If you are willing to help us, please call Dick Violette at (203) 521-4219 or Sandy Violette at (203) 745-8539.

A big THANK YOU already to the following Chairpersons:

Bob and Raffie Cote --- Banquet
Dick and Annette Gauvreau --- Banquet, Mass. Souvenirs
Don and Glenda Ketola --- Camping information

If you are a CAMPER, you can get full information by contacting Don and Glenda Ketola, 32 Lownds Drive, Windsor Locks, CT, 06096 - telephone (203) 623-5452. All camping reservations must be made by May 1, 1984.

At this time, please DO NOT CONTACT the Ramada Inn - information regarding reservations will be forthcoming in your next Newsletter.

VERY IMPORTANT: If you know any Violette not already registered with the Association, please have them contact Rita V. Lippe immediately, so they may be included in our next Newsletter, and also be able to attend the 1984 Violette Reunion.

PLEASE HELP MAKE OUR REUNION A SUCCESS.....

THANKS,

Sandy Violette

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

CONGRATULATIONS to two of our members who have been promoted to captain by their respective airlines! Rod Violette #12 is a pilot for United Airlines and lives in San Mateo, CA. Colin Violette #854 resides in Utica, NY, and pilots for Empire Airlines.

FOOTBALL IS A FAMILY AFFAIR

Harold Violette #427 was nicknamed 'Tank' as a freshman on the University of Maine football team, and the name has stuck to this day.

Harold's achievements are many: in the late 50's he was selected to All-Maine, All-Yankee Conference, All-New England honors and MVP recipient for the Black Bears in 1959.

Coaching has been Tank's love for the past 20 years, and he's been chosen 'Coach of the Year' four times in football and three times in hockey. Presently, Harold teaches phys. ed. at Winslow High in Maine, coaches the hockey team and also is head coach of football.

Harold is married to Harriet Hunter Violette #428 and is the youngest of 17 children. Harold and his wife have two children, Steven and Debbie. Steve is now in his freshman year at UMO and won a full athletic scholarship. While in high school, Steve was selected to All-State and All-Conference for two years.

While coaching certainly keeps Tank busy, he does manage to relax with his pastimes of cross-country skiing and chopping wood to heat the family home.

Discipline is at the top of Harold's list in his coaching philosophy, while also making sure the kids enjoy playing the sport. Tank states, "The way to do that is play as many members of the team in as many games as you possibly can."

"I feel that where I had gotten so much out of athletics I would have been remiss if I couldn't have contributed to someone else's development," is how Harold sums it up.

Violettes everywhere congratulate Harold and his son on their many accomplishments.

CONDOMINIUM, ANYONE???

Beautiful, completely furnished condo in Deltona, FL, available for monthly or seasonal rental.

The condo is on first floor and has two bedrooms, two baths and a screened-in patio. Tennis courts and swimming pool are on the grounds.

Deltona is located 30 minutes from Orlando and 30 minutes from Daytona Beach.

For further details, please contact Rita V. Lippe at 1-617-688-3268 or write to 32 Louise Ave., Methuen, MA, 01844.

FUTURE MEMBERS??

(Son), born on June 18, 1983, in Edmundston, N.B., Canada, to Mario Michaud #1029 and Denise Voisine Michaud #1030 of Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada. (both Mario and Denise are in the Violette lineage)

(Daughter), Stephanie Christine, who arrived on September 12, 1983, in Fort Wayne, IN. Proud parents are Judy Clark Violette #19 and Aurele Violette #18.

(Great grand-daughter), Kimberly Grant made her appearance in Anchorage, Alaska. Great grandparents are Nelson Violette #360 and Vergie Bergel Violette #361.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the relatives of the newborn...

DECEASED

- #115 (Maxime Violette) of Lawrence, MA, died June 1, 1983, in Brentwood, Long Island, NY, while on vacation. Members who survive are sons: James #113 and Rosaire #836. Also surviving are daughters: Florence Violette Hartt #1069, Monica Violette Groner #234 and Nancy Violette Gordon #117.
- #317 (Mary Ann Violette Cyr) who passed away in Portland, ME, on July 4, 1983. She leaves sons Leo Gene #742 and Randolph #320 and daughters Marlene Cyr Gordon #294, Carlita Cyr Brown #319, Glenda Cyr Ketola #321, Ann Cyr Hudenburg #322 and Jeannine Cyr Trufant #318.
- #1116 (Wilfred Violette) of Plantsville, CT, who died on June 7, 1983. His survivors include his wife Blanche Bourassa Violette #1103; four sons: Raymond #404, Jean Paul #571, Wilfred #1105, and Louis #1118; two daughters: Lydia Louise Violette Saucier #538 and Marie Rolande Violette Martin #1117.
- (Maxim J. Violette) died in May of this year in Fairfield, ME. Condolences are extended to his widow, Ethel Bourque Violette; to his brother, Raoul 'Bob' Violette #596; and to his sisters, Yvonne Violette Poulin #162 and Blanche Violette Marcia #390.

SUNDOWN CABINS AND COTTAGES

Shirley Plourde Dubord #606 and her husband, Patrick Dubord #607, are the owners of this ideal vacation spot on Moosehead Lake. We are pleased to share it with our sports-minded association members:

Do you enjoy fishing, hunting, hiking, white-water rafting, swimming, boating, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, downhill skiing, ice fishing or just plain relaxing? Then you must discover ROCKWOOD. We are a small community of cottages, inn, motel and campgrounds.

We are located mid-point on MOOSEHEAD LAKE. The lake is 40 miles long by 20 miles wide. It covers 74,890 acres and has over 400 miles of shoreline. With such a vast area, we do not have a problem with congestion. Rockwood is known as one of the best hunting grounds in the State of Maine. Our zone remains unchanged for the 1983 season. You may hunt for either buck or doe.

At Sundown Cabins, we have six storefront units completely equipped for housekeeping. Our cottages can accommodate from 2 to 10. We are facing the famed Mt. Kineo that rises 1,806 feet from the water's edge. We offer launching, docking, gas, oil, bait, non-resident licenses, boat and motor rentals and north woods hospitality.

If you would like more information about us or the area, please write to us at P.O. Box 117B, Rockwood, ME, 04478 or call us at (207) 534-7357.

NOUVEAUX MARIÉS

On July 16, 1983, Lucien Violette #365 was united in marriage to Geneviève Lapointe Bell (Géniva), in St. Leonard, New Brunswick, Canada. Meilleur souhaits de l'association!

DID YOU KNOW??

According to the MAINE LINE, a magazine published by the Public Relations Dept. of the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company of Bangor, ME, the last official passenger to have his ticket punched was Alfred D. Violette of Van Buren, ME.

This was in 1957 and discontinued trains have now been replaced by bus service. So much for progress...

(OUR THANKS TO JAMES PARENT #830, GRANDSON OF ALFRED, OF ROCHESTER, NH, FOR SUBMITTING THE ABOVE ANECDOTE)

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NEW ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

(A list of 22 new members follows and we're still searching.....)

- #1054 - Alfred A. Violette, Box 378, Green Lake, RR#2, E. Holden, ME
- 1133 - Donald Violette, 170 St. Laurent, Lavaltrie, P.Q., Canada
- 1134 - Pierrette Levesque Violette, 170 St. Laurent, Lavaltrie, P.Q.
- 1135 - Edwin Madore Bouffard, Riverside Trailer Park, Lot #40, Riverside Drive, Augusta, ME
- 1136 - Joseph R. Bouffard, Riverside Trailer Park, Lot #40, Riverside Drive, Augusta, ME
- 1137 - Gilles Violette, rue Villeneuve, Cabano, P.Q., Canada
- 1138 - Irene Vaillancourt Violette, rue Villeneuve, Cabano, P.Q.
- 1139 - George Violette, C.P. 10, Notre Dame du Lac, P.Q., Canada
- 1140 - Norma Violette Bellavance, C.P. 177, Notre Dame du Lac, P.Q.
- 1141 - Marie Reine Violette Michaud, 57 rue Bourget-Villeneuve, Beauport, P.Q., Canada
- 1142 - Sister Geraldine Violette, C.P. 240, Ste. Anne de Madawaska, New Brunswick, Canada
- 1143 - Lorraine Chamberlain Travers, 36 Buswell St., Lawrence, MA
- 1144 - Joseph Travers, 36 Buswell St., Lawrence, MA
- 1145 - Ronald Cote, 6 Windsor Ave., Augusta, ME
- 1146 - Theresa Champagne Cote, 6 Windsor Ave., Augusta, ME
- 1147 - Gertrude Dubay Tousignant, P.O. Box 303, Old Orchard Beach, ME
- 1148 - Roland Tousignant, P.O. Box 303, Old Orchard Beach, ME
- 1149 - Roger Tousignant, P.O. Box 303, Old Orchard Beach, ME
- 1150 - Mary Verrill Tousignant, P.O. Box 303, Old Orchard Beach, ME
- 1151 - Donald Violette Dube, 8 Beechwood Rd., Vernon, CT
- 1152 - Arthur Dube, 8 Beechwood Rd., Vernon, CT
- 1153 - Violette C. Montpas, 36 Acorn St., Biddeford, ME

COPY MACHINE UPDATE

As of September 1 of this year, donations total \$563.01----112 members have donated. PLEASE help us achieve our goal of printing our very own Newsletters. The initial cost may seem like a huge amount, but it would be cheaper in the long run.

SINCERE BEST WISHES..

Rita V. Lippe and her husband, Bob, celebrated their silver anniversary on September 1 by going to Germany for two weeks on their "lune de miel". (they also managed to do some research...)

"We Are One"

Ivan R. Violette